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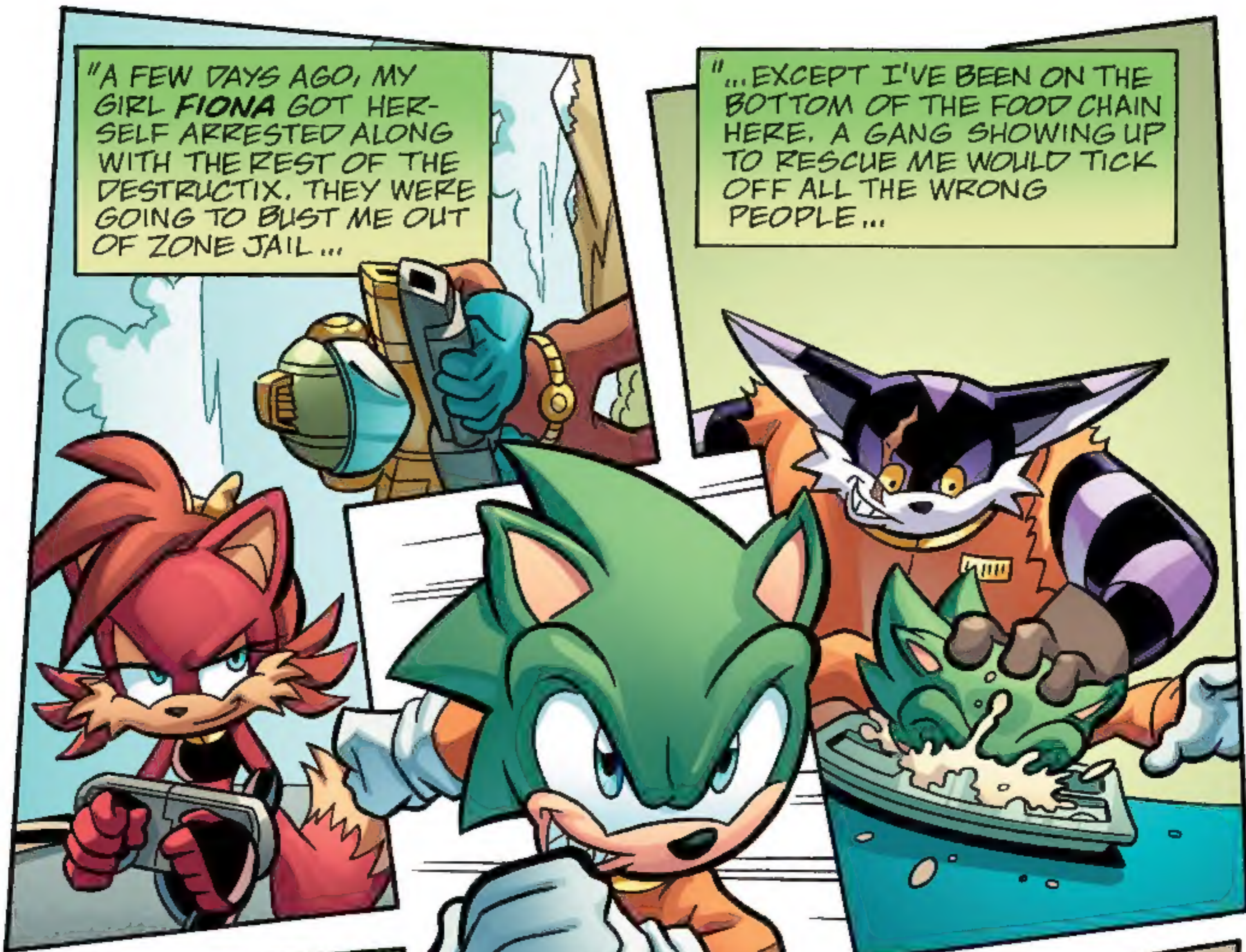
# EAT MY DUST!



*Tram  
Yardley!  
Jim Amash  
HERP*

"A FEW DAYS AGO, MY GIRL **FIONA** GOT HERSELF ARRESTED ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE **DESTRUCTIX**. THEY WERE GOING TO BUST ME OUT OF **ZONE JAIL** ...

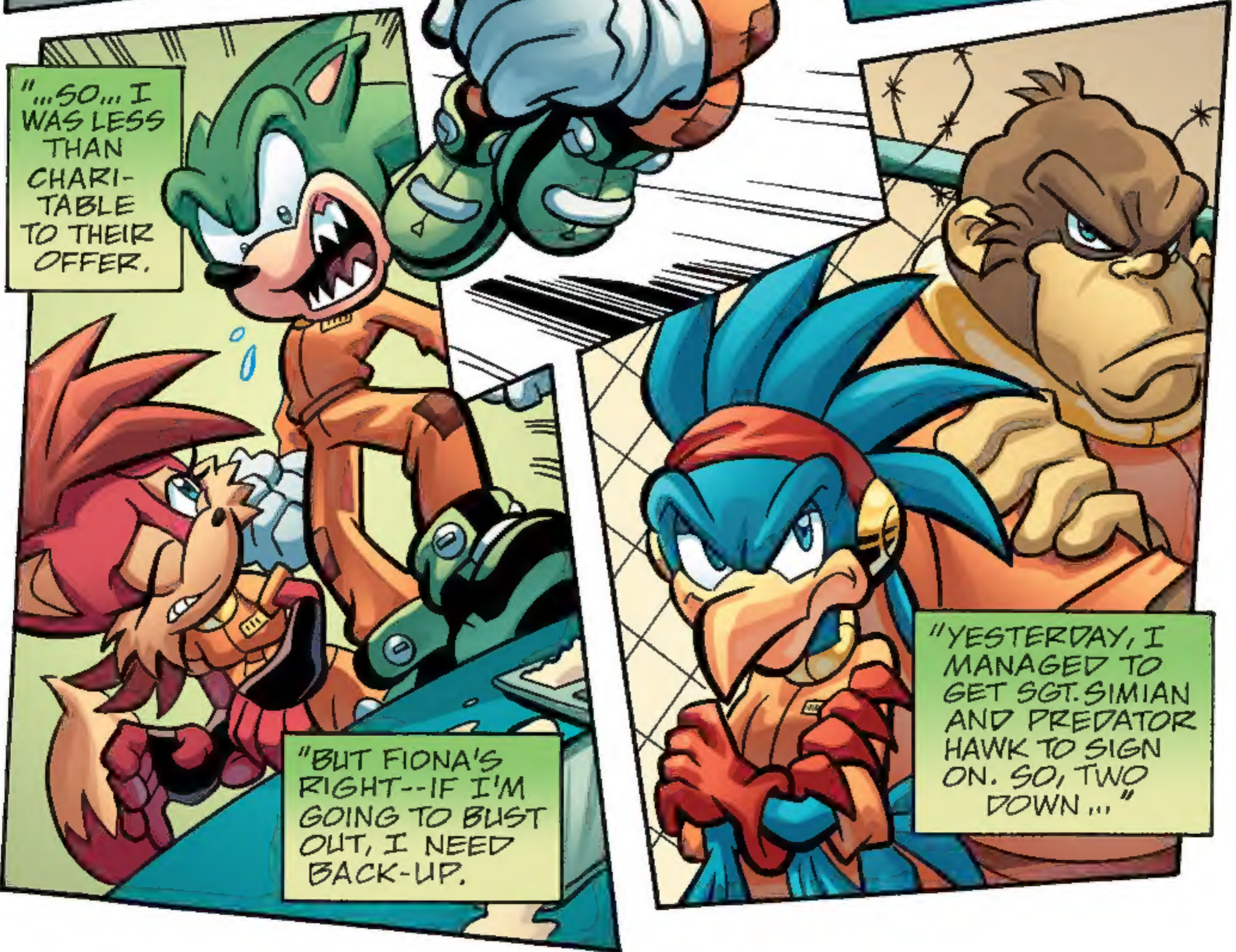
"... EXCEPT I'VE BEEN ON THE **BOTTOM** OF THE **FOOD CHAIN** HERE. A **GANG** SHOWING UP TO **RESCUE** ME WOULD TICK OFF ALL THE **WRONG** PEOPLE ...



"... SO ... I WAS LESS THAN **CHARITABLE** TO THEIR **OFFER**."

"BUT **FIONA'S** **RIGHT**--IF I'M GOING TO **BUST** OUT, I NEED **BACK-UP**."

"**YESTERDAY**, I MANAGED TO GET **SGT. SIMIAN** AND **PREDATOR HAWK** TO SIGN ON. **SO**, **TWO** **DOWN** ..."



WELCOME TO ZONE JAIL--  
A PRISON TO HOLD THE  
BADDEST OF THE BAD  
ACROSS ALL DIMENSIONS  
--WHERE THE SINISTER  
**SCOURGE**, THE ANTI-  
SONIC, MUST DEAL WITH  
DANGEROUS INMATES IN  
A DESPERATE BID FOR  
FREEDOM!

# INSIDE JOBB PART 3

## SETTING THE STAGE

"...TWO TO GO."

QUIT YER  
FLAILING! DO  
YOU WANT TO  
HIT ME?

HORIZONT-AL  
YOUR GUESS...

**JEFFREY  
ST. CROIX**  
OLD GANG  
RIVAL

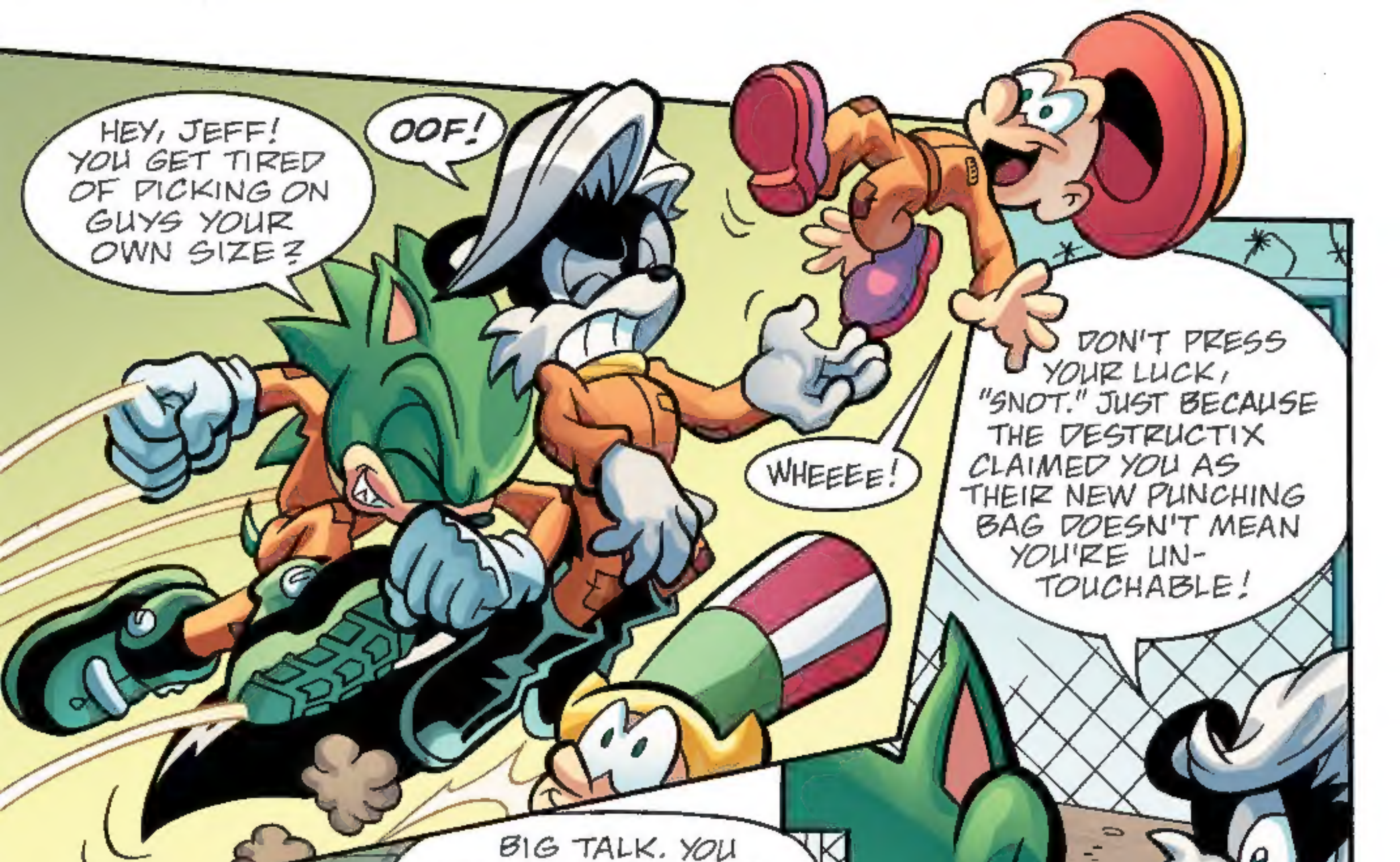
**SCOURGE THE  
HEDGEHOG**  
RISING GANG  
LEADER

N-N-NO  
S-S-SIR!

WE'LL TAKE  
OUR ABUSE  
MORE  
CONSIDERATELY!

VERTI-CAL  
...IS AS GOOD  
AS OURS

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HEY, JEFF!  
YOU GET TIRED  
OF PICKING ON  
GUYS YOUR  
OWN SIZE?

OOF!

WHEEE!

DON'T PRESS  
YOUR LUCK,  
"SNOT." JUST BECAUSE  
THE DESTRUCTIX  
CLAIMED YOU AS  
THEIR NEW PUNCHING  
BAG DOESN'T MEAN  
YOU'RE UN-  
TOUCHABLE!

BIG TALK. YOU  
WERE A CHUMP ON  
MOEBIUS, YOU'RE A  
CHUMP IN HERE. YOU  
TWO ALL RIGHT?

YES! IN  
THE MOST  
RELATIVE  
SENSE.

DOES THIS MEAN  
ALL OUR FAWNING  
HAS ENDEARED  
US TO YOU?

LUCKILY, I  
LANDED ON  
MY HEAD!

NAH. IT'S NOT  
LIKE I **NEEDED** AN  
EXCUSE TO STOMP  
THE GUY...

YOU  
COULDN'T  
TAKE ME  
IN THE OLD  
DAYS...



...SO  
DON'T EVEN  
TRY TO STEP  
TO ME NOW!



GAK!



I'M ON THE  
REBOUND, BABY.  
EITHER STEP  
ASIDE, OR--

THOK!



JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE OURS DOESN'T MEAN YOU GET TO FIGHT YOUR SUPERIORS, "SNOT."

SKOFF! YES, PLEASE, KEEP HIM IN LINE.

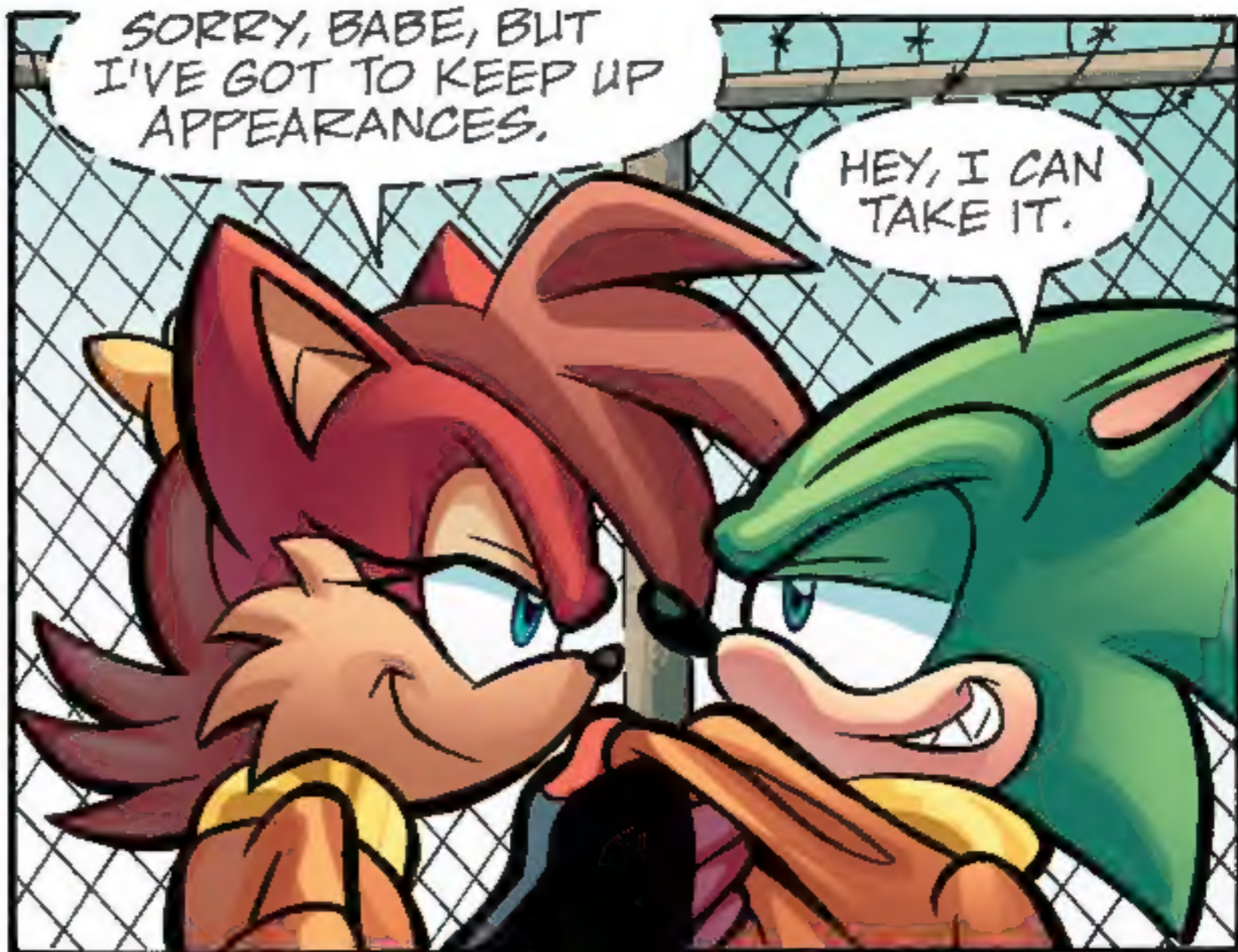
OH, I'LL PUT HIM BACK IN HIS PLACE.



FIONA FOX  
SCOURGE'S GIRLFRIEND  
(NO, REALLY!)

SORRY, BABE, BUT I'VE GOT TO KEEP UP APPEARANCES.

HEY, I CAN TAKE IT.



OOF!



DON'T GET TOO INTO IT, THO'!

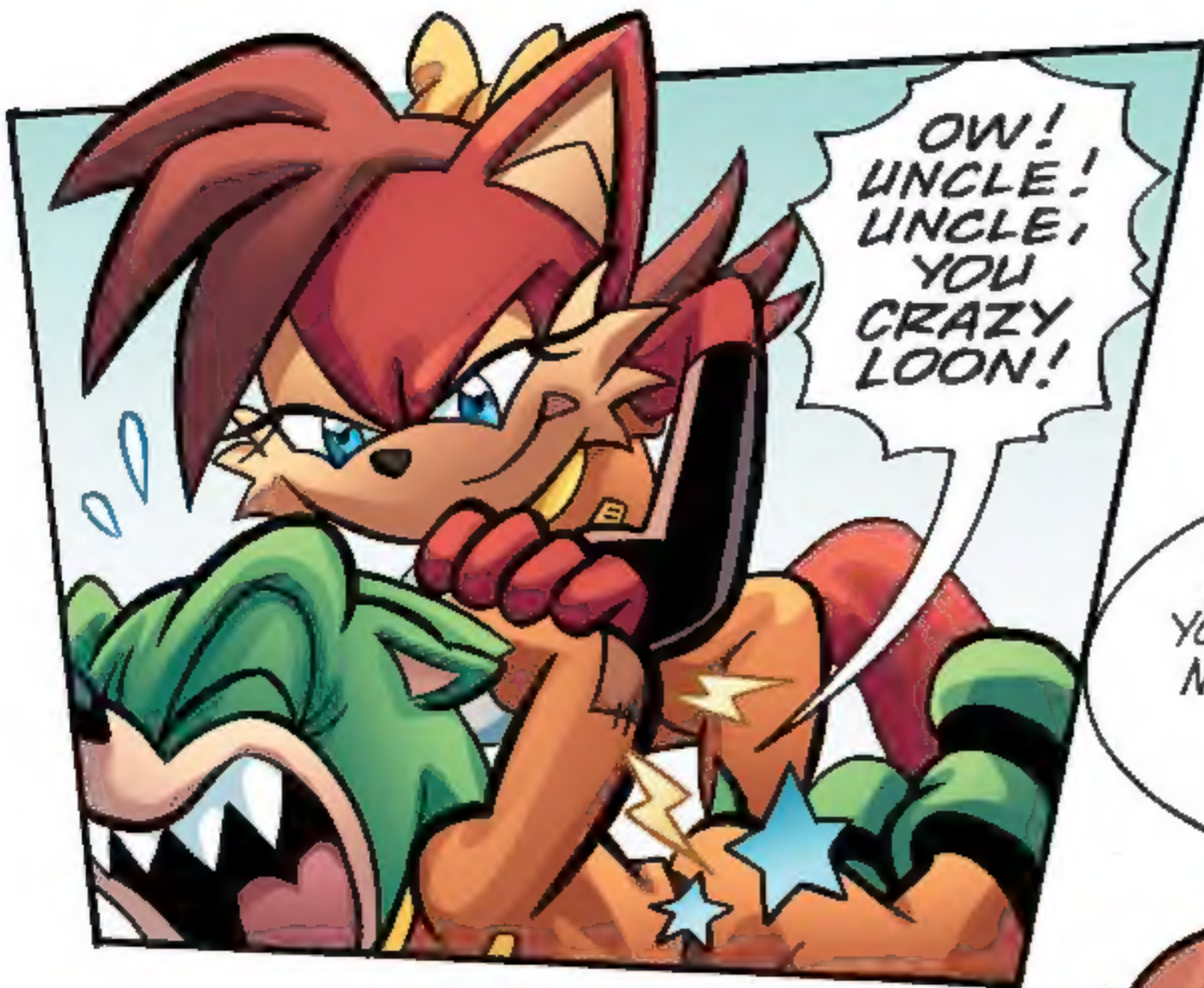
DON'T TIP OUR HAND YET. IF YOU MESS THIS UP, GANG OR NOT, WE'RE NEVER GETTING OUT OF HERE.

YEAH-YEAH-YEAH. I'VE GOT IT.

GOOD. NOW SAY "UNCLE."

OH COME ON, FI...





OW!  
UNCLE!  
UNCLE!  
YOU  
CRAZY  
LOON!

FIRST YOU DITCH  
ME AT FREEDOM HQ\*,  
AND NOW THIS. ARE  
YOU TRYING TO  
TICK ME OFF?

I COULDN'T  
DO ANYTHING FOR  
YOU THEN, BABE. WHAT  
MATTERS IS THAT I'M  
HERE NOW AND  
KEEPING YOU ON  
TRACK!

\*STH#195-196.



I MEAN, WOULD I  
HAVE COME THIS FAR  
AND DO ALL THIS IF  
I DIDN'T LOVE--



SAVE IT,  
FI. I'VE  
GOT HALF  
A GANG  
NOW...



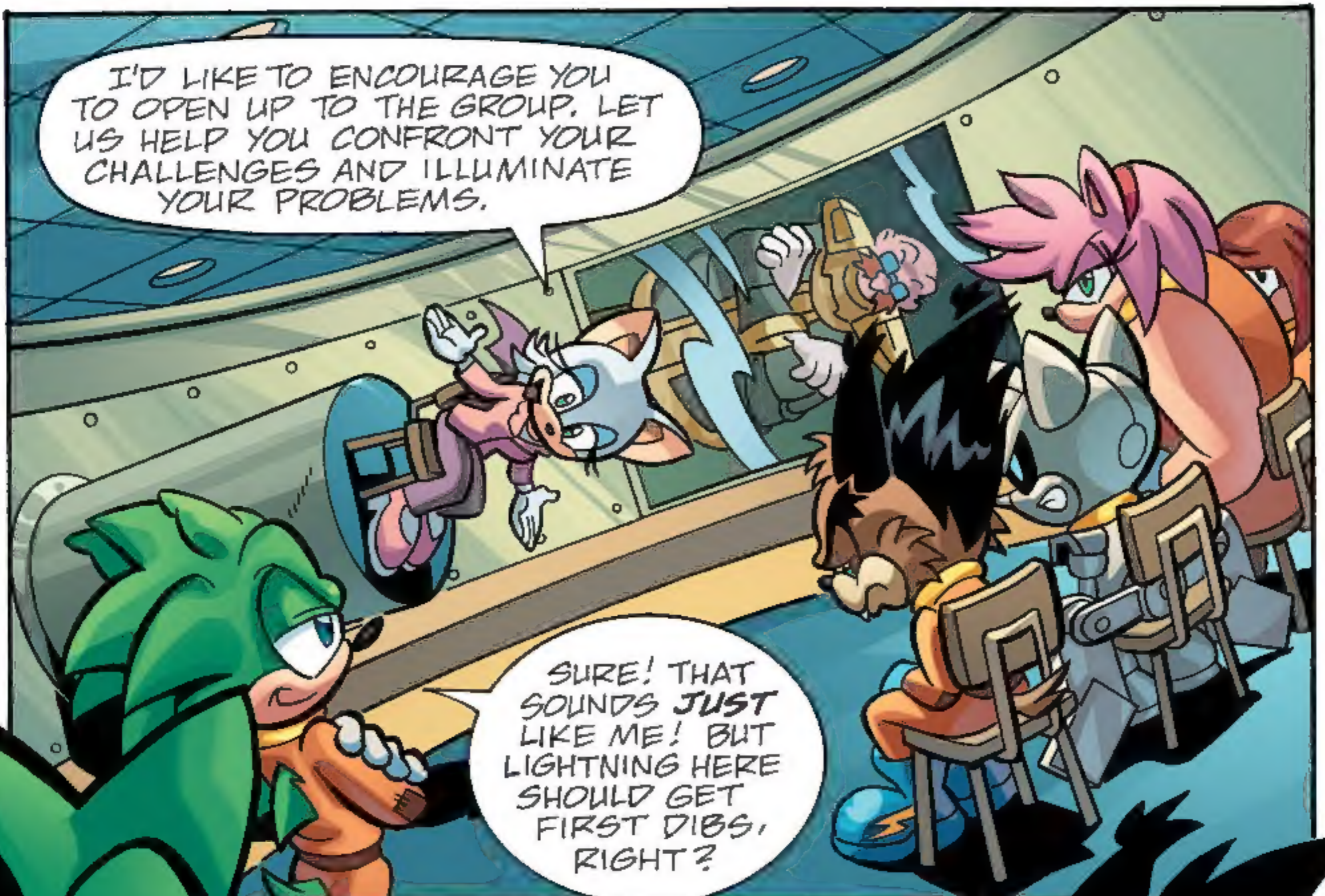
"...AND HALF  
STILL TO  
RECRUIT."

EVERYONE, I'D  
LIKE YOU TO WEL-  
COME LIGHTNING  
TO TODAY'S  
GROUP THERAPY  
SESSION.



YO! GOT ROOM  
FOR ONE MORE?

OF COURSE!  
THE WARDEN WILL  
BE PLEASED YOU  
FINALLY DECIDED  
TO JOIN US.



I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO OPEN UP TO THE GROUP. LET US HELP YOU CONFRONT YOUR CHALLENGES AND ILLUMINATE YOUR PROBLEMS.

SURE! THAT SOUNDS JUST LIKE ME! BUT LIGHTNING HERE SHOULD GET FIRST DIBS, RIGHT?

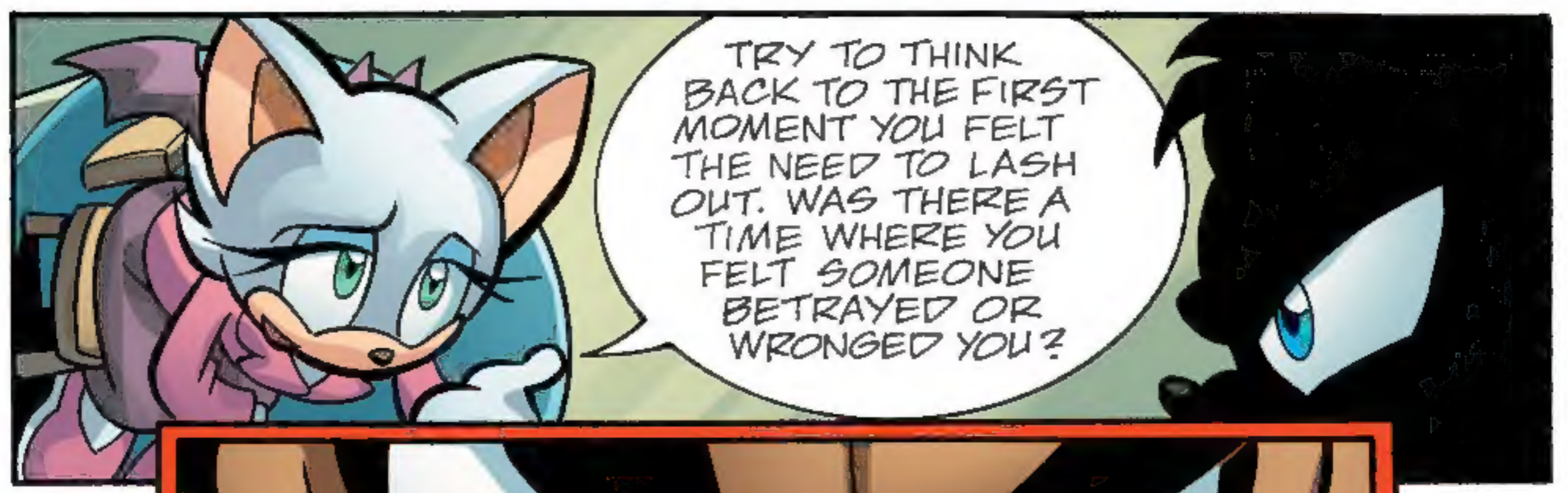


OF COURSE, BUT ONLY IF HE FEELS COMFORTABLE.

DON'T SWEAT IT, FUZZY. WE'RE ALL HERE TO HELP.

I... I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHERE TO START...

**LIGHTNING LYNX**  
**DESTRUCTIX NINJA**



TRY TO THINK BACK TO THE FIRST MOMENT YOU FELT THE NEED TO LASH OUT. WAS THERE A TIME WHERE YOU FELT SOMEONE BETRAYED OR WRONGED YOU?



OH YES.



"IN THE RAIJU CLAN,  
YOUR SKILL DICTATED  
YOUR WORTH AND  
RANK. I WAS THE  
**BEST.**



"AND I WASN'T  
JUST THE FASTEST.  
I WAS THE QUICKEST  
FIST, THE KEENEST  
EYE, AND THE  
SHARPEST FORM.

"THERE WAS  
ONLY ONE I  
RESPECTED..."



"...THE  
BRIDE OF  
OUR CLAN,  
CONQUERING  
STORM.



"I... I DIDN'T  
JUST RESPECT  
HER-- I **LOVED**  
HER. BUT SHE  
WOULD ONLY  
ACCEPT SOME-  
ONE OF GREAT  
STRENGTH AT  
HER SIDE..."

"...SO I CHALLENGED HER  
TO A DUEL TO PROVE  
MY STRENGTH. TO  
PROVE MY FEELINGS."

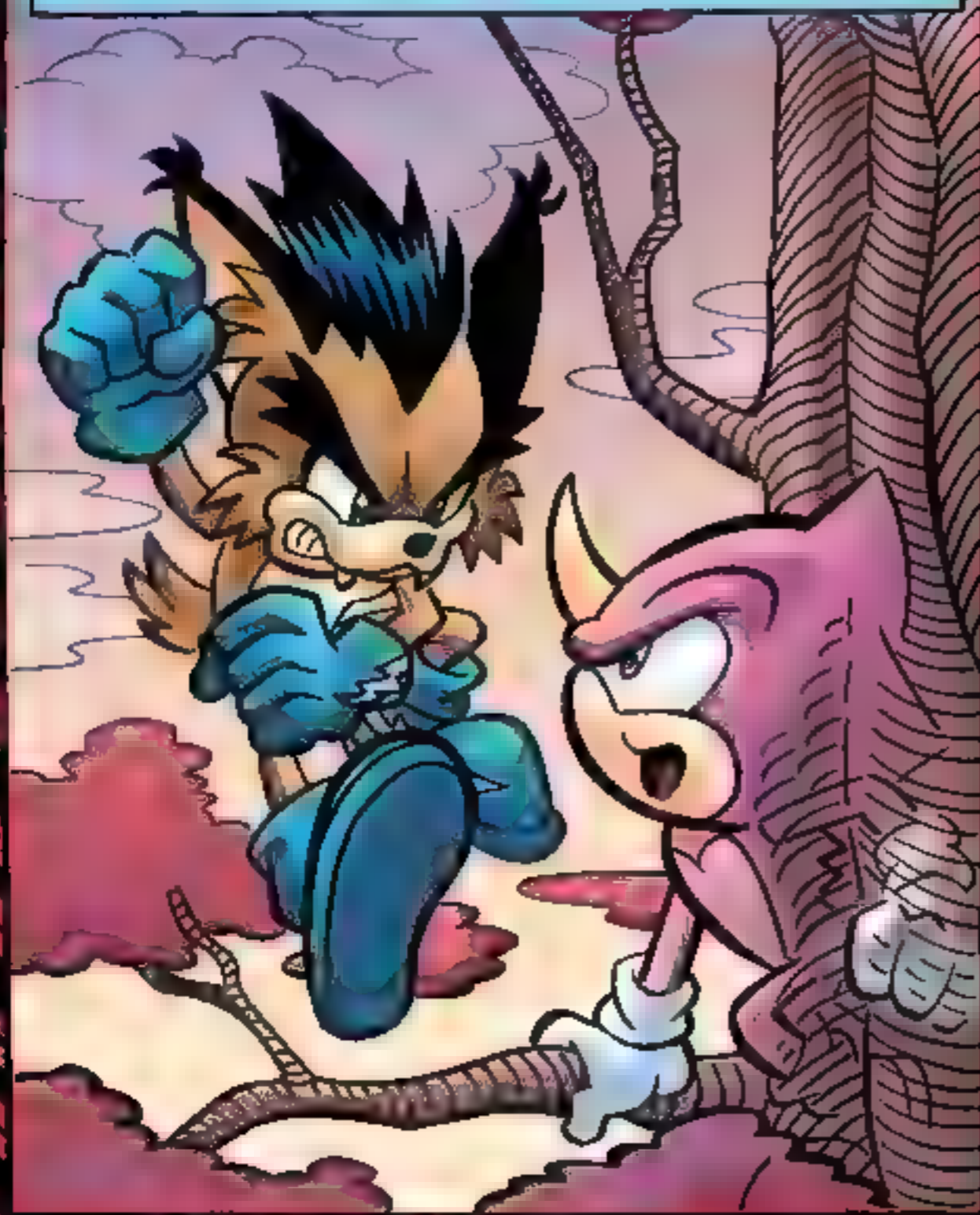




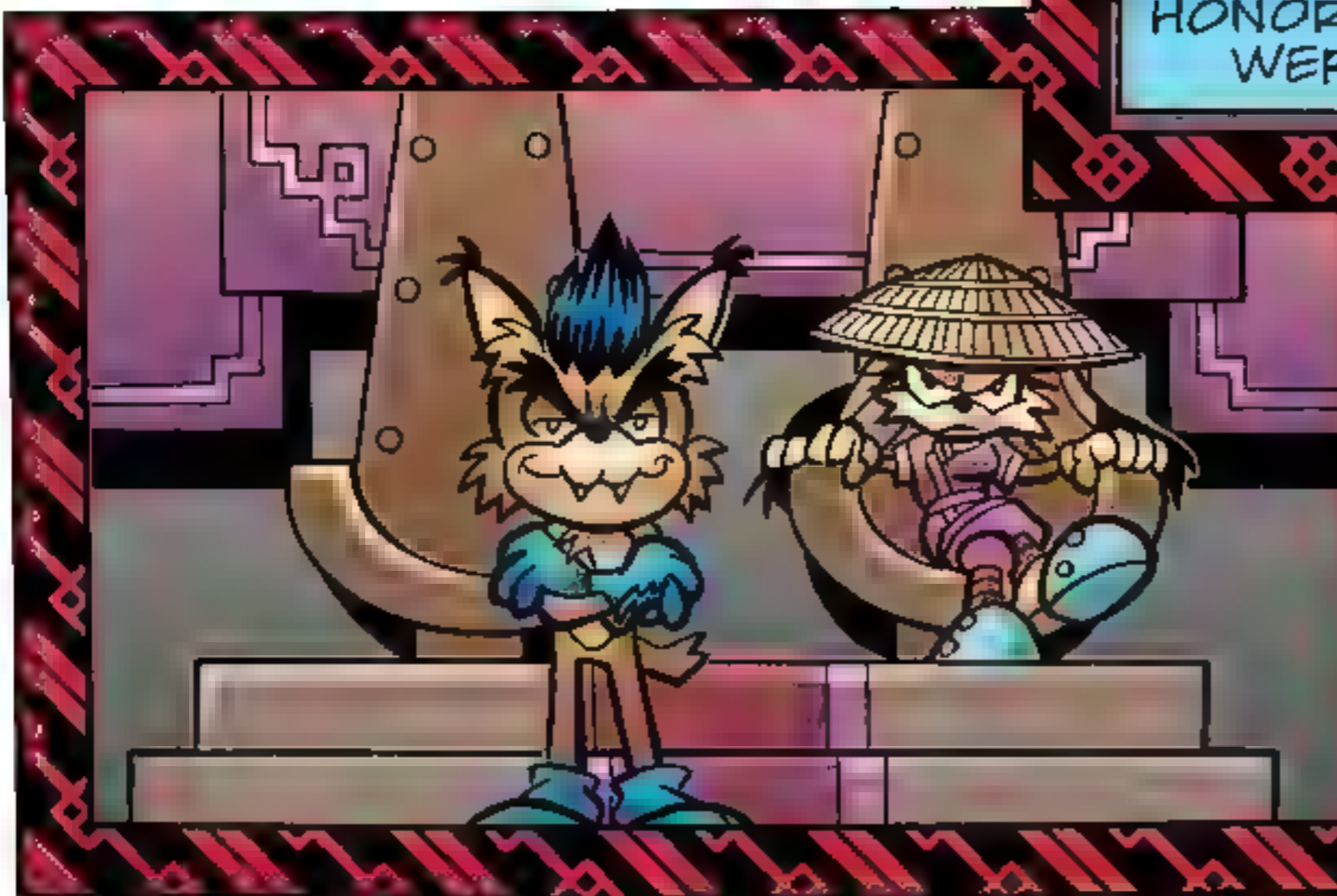
"IT WAS AN UTTER DISASTER. I SUFFERED THE ULTIMATE DISHONOR. I WAS... EXILED FROM MY CLAN."



"LATER, I WAS FOUND BY MAMMOTH MOGUL AND I SERVED HIM... UNTIL HE ABANDONED US. BUT EVENTUALLY, THE IRON QUEEN TOOK COMMAND OF THE FOUR HOUSES..."

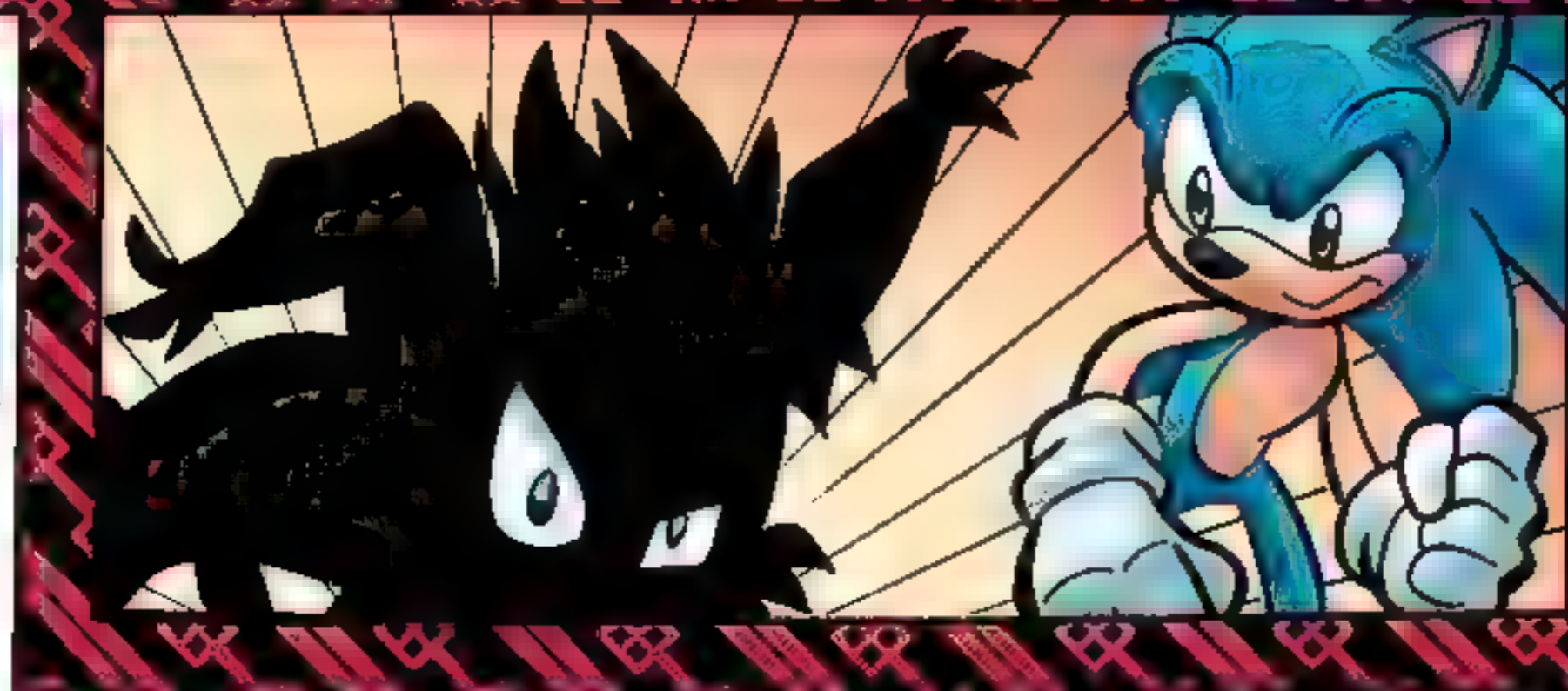


"...AND I WAS INVITED BACK AS A FOREIGN LIAISON. MY HONOR AND CLAN STATUS WERE RESTORED!"

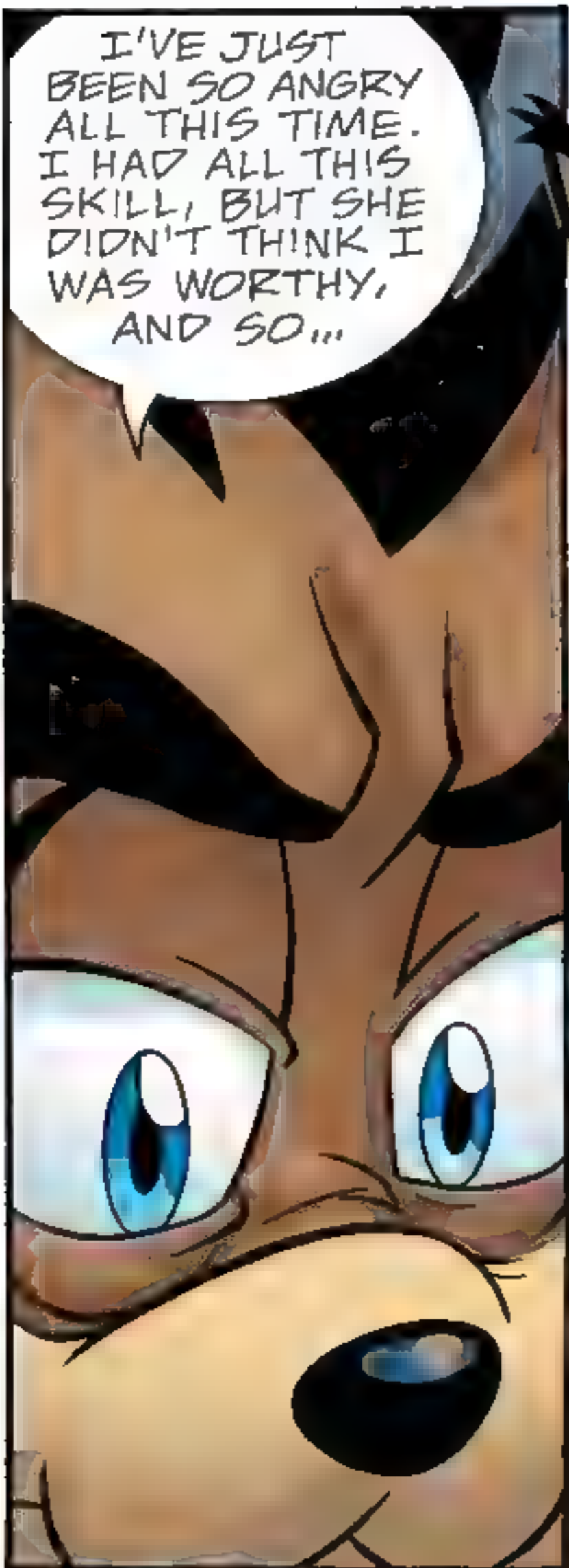


"I SERVED THE BRIDE OF THE CONQUERING STORM DIRECTLY. I WAS CONTENT TO BE AT HER SIDE..."

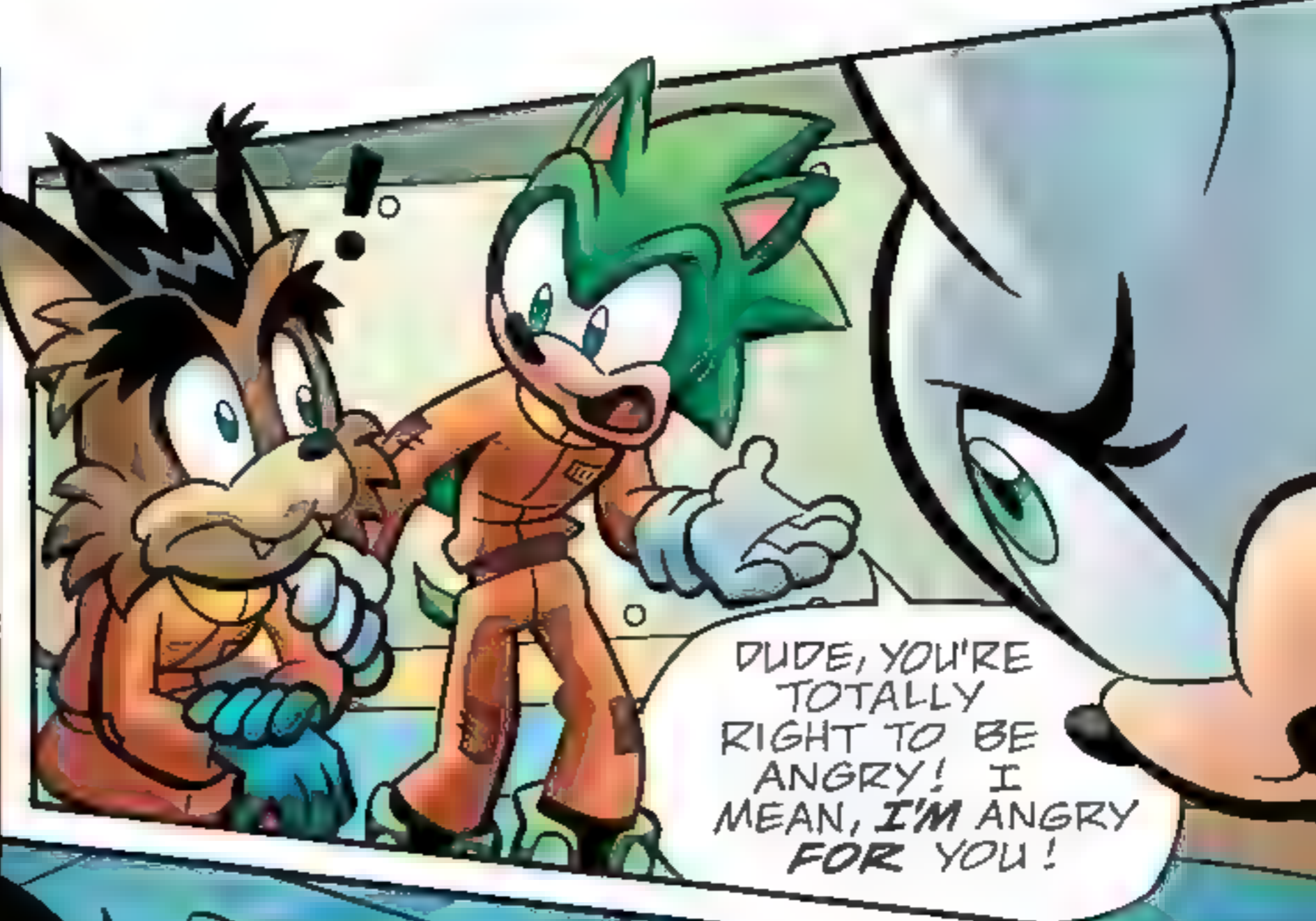
"...UNTIL I WAS DEFEATED AND DISHONORED AGAIN. "\*"



\*SEE SH ARC #4 "JOURNEY TO THE EAST"



I'VE JUST BEEN SO ANGRY ALL THIS TIME. I HAD ALL THIS SKILL, BUT SHE DIDN'T THINK I WAS WORTHY, AND SO...



DUDE, YOU'RE TOTALLY RIGHT TO BE ANGRY! I MEAN, I'M ANGRY FOR YOU!



YOU WERE THEIR BEST AND THEY JUST KICKED YOU OUT! AND WHAT DID YOU DO WRONG? NOTHIN'!

ENCOURAGEMENT IS GOOD, SCOURGE, BUT WE NEED TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE...



I MEAN, HOW UNGRATEFUL CAN THAT LADY GET, RIGHT? SHE BREAKS YOUR HEART, KICKS YOU OUT, CALLS YOU BACK, KICKS YOU OUT AGAIN--AND FOR WHAT? BECAUSE YOU WERE TOTALLY DEVOTED TO HER?



EXACTLY MY POINT!

YOU GOT PLAYED!

YEAH!

EVERYONE TURNED THEIR BACKS ON YOU!

YEAH!

YOU DESERVE REVENGE!

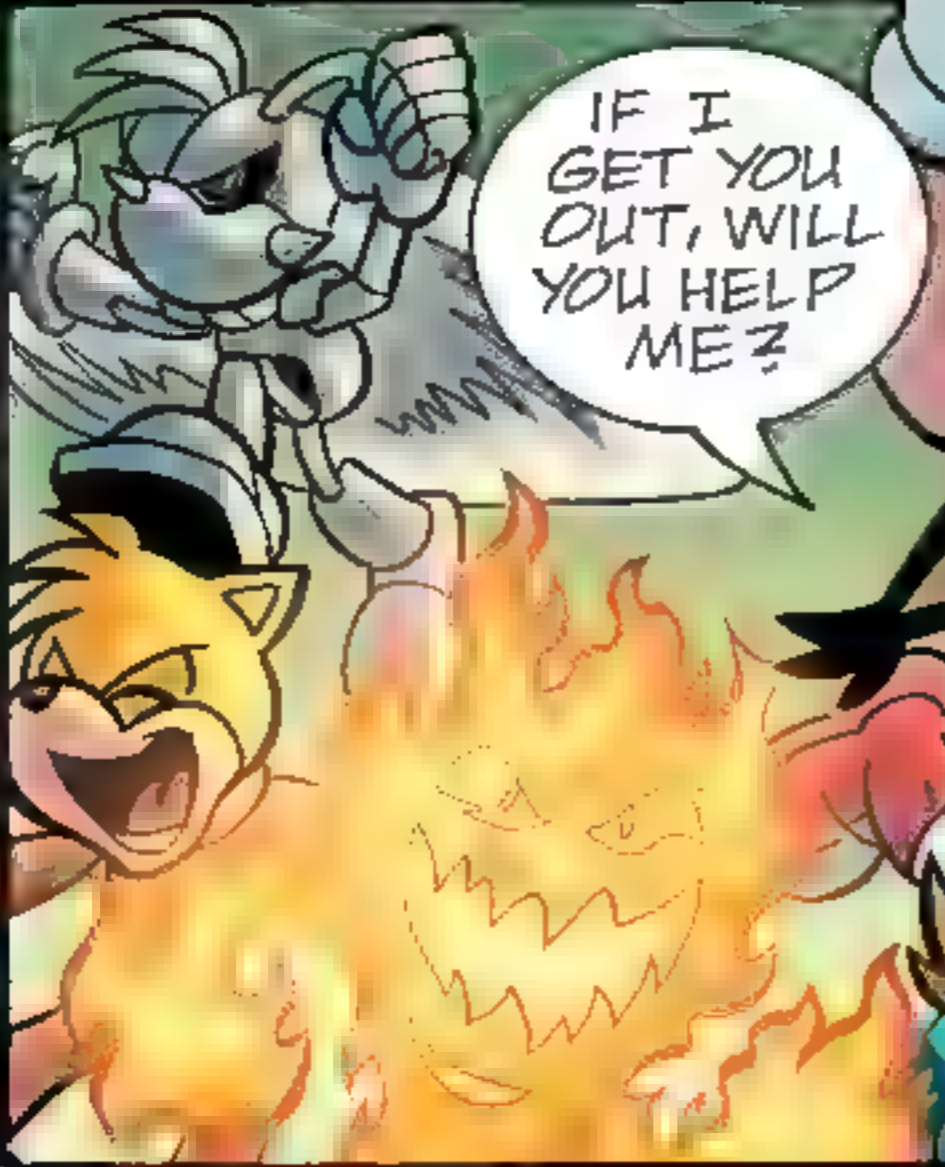
YEAH!



YOU ALL DESERVE REVENGE!

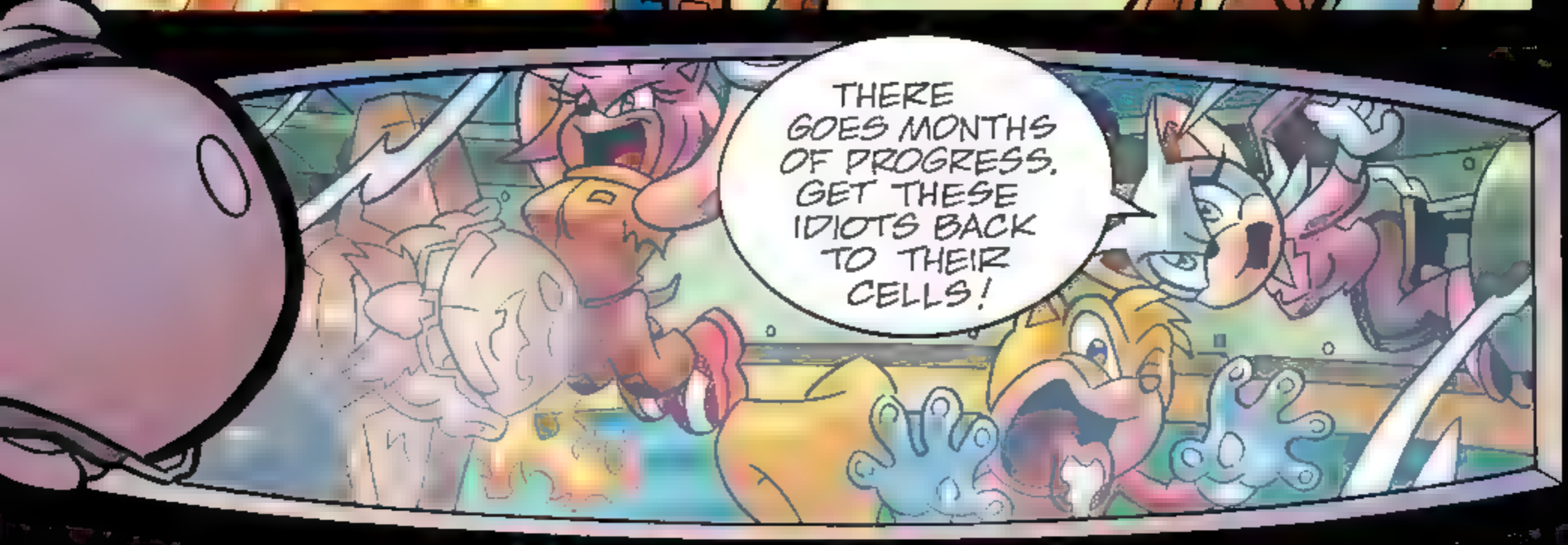
YEAH!

NO! VENGEANCE MEANS NOTHING! EVERYONE NEEDS TO CALM DOWN!



IF I GET YOU OUT, WILL YOU HELP ME?

DUDE, SHE'LL BE ONE MORE NAME ON MY LIST.



THERE GOES MONTHS OF PROGRESS. GET THESE IDIOTS BACK TO THEIR CELLS!

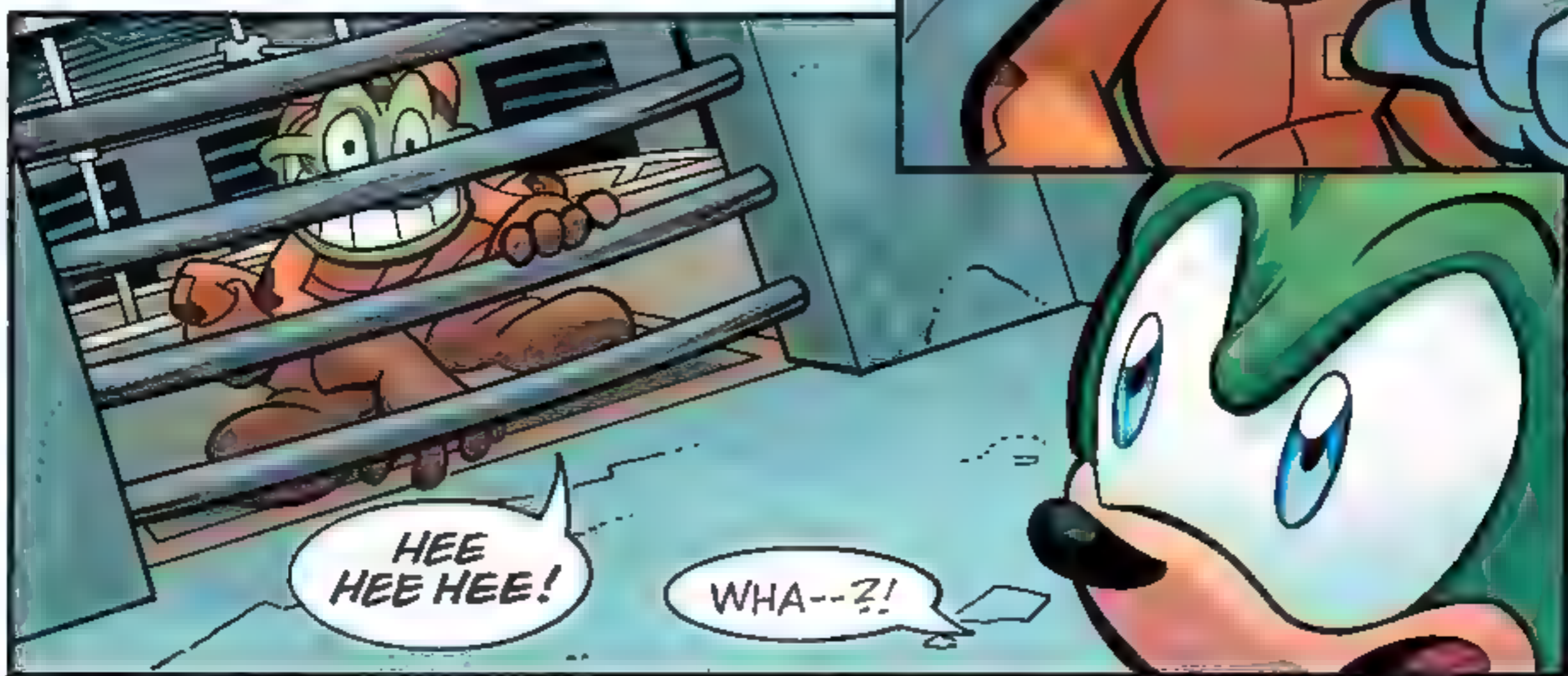


HA HA HA!  
THAT WAS  
PRICELESS!



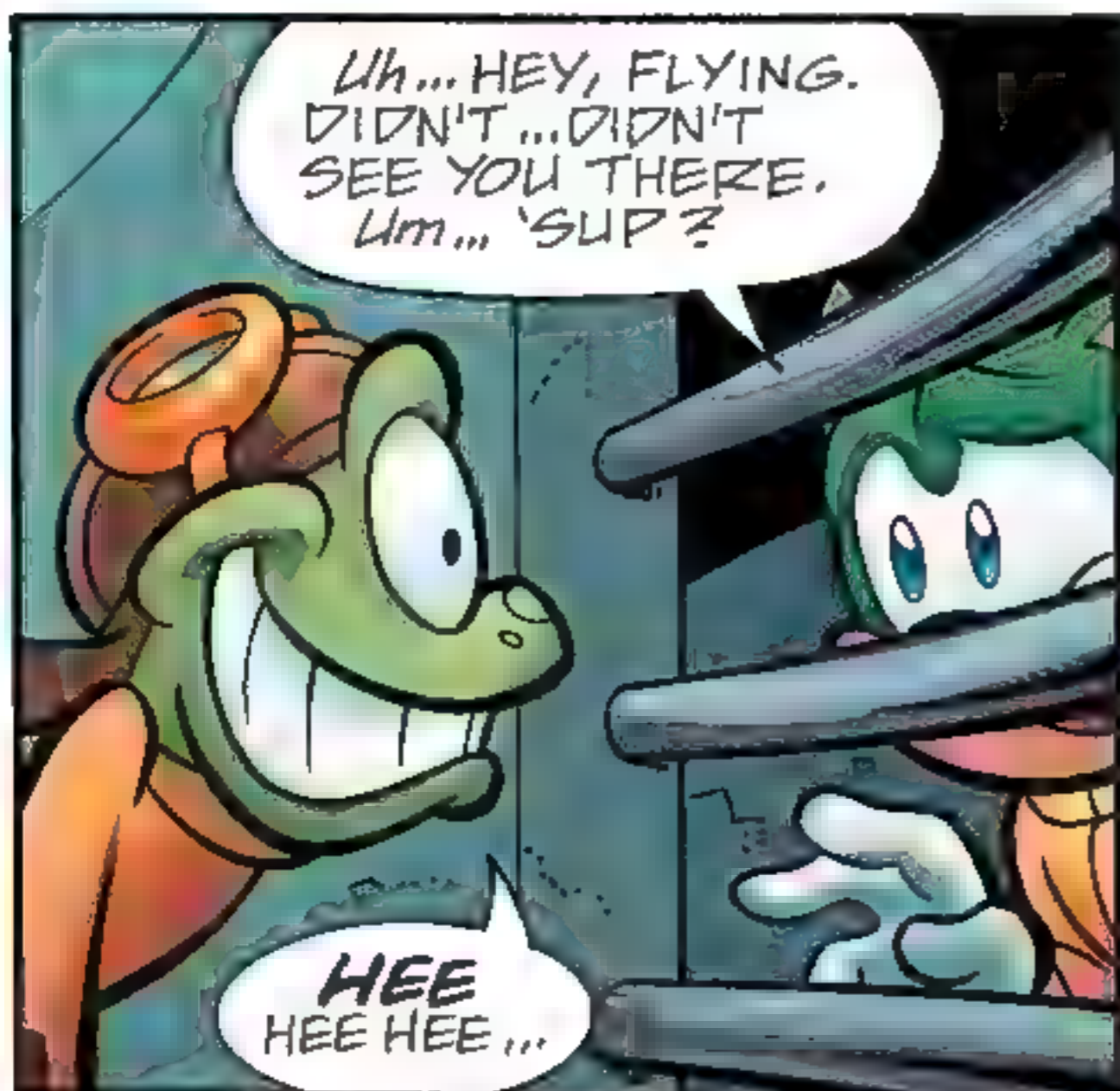
I NEED TO TALK  
ABOUT MY FEELINGS  
MORE OFTEN. IT GETS  
MORE PEOPLE HURT  
THAT WAY!

HEE HEE HEE!



HEE  
HEE HEE!

WHA--?!



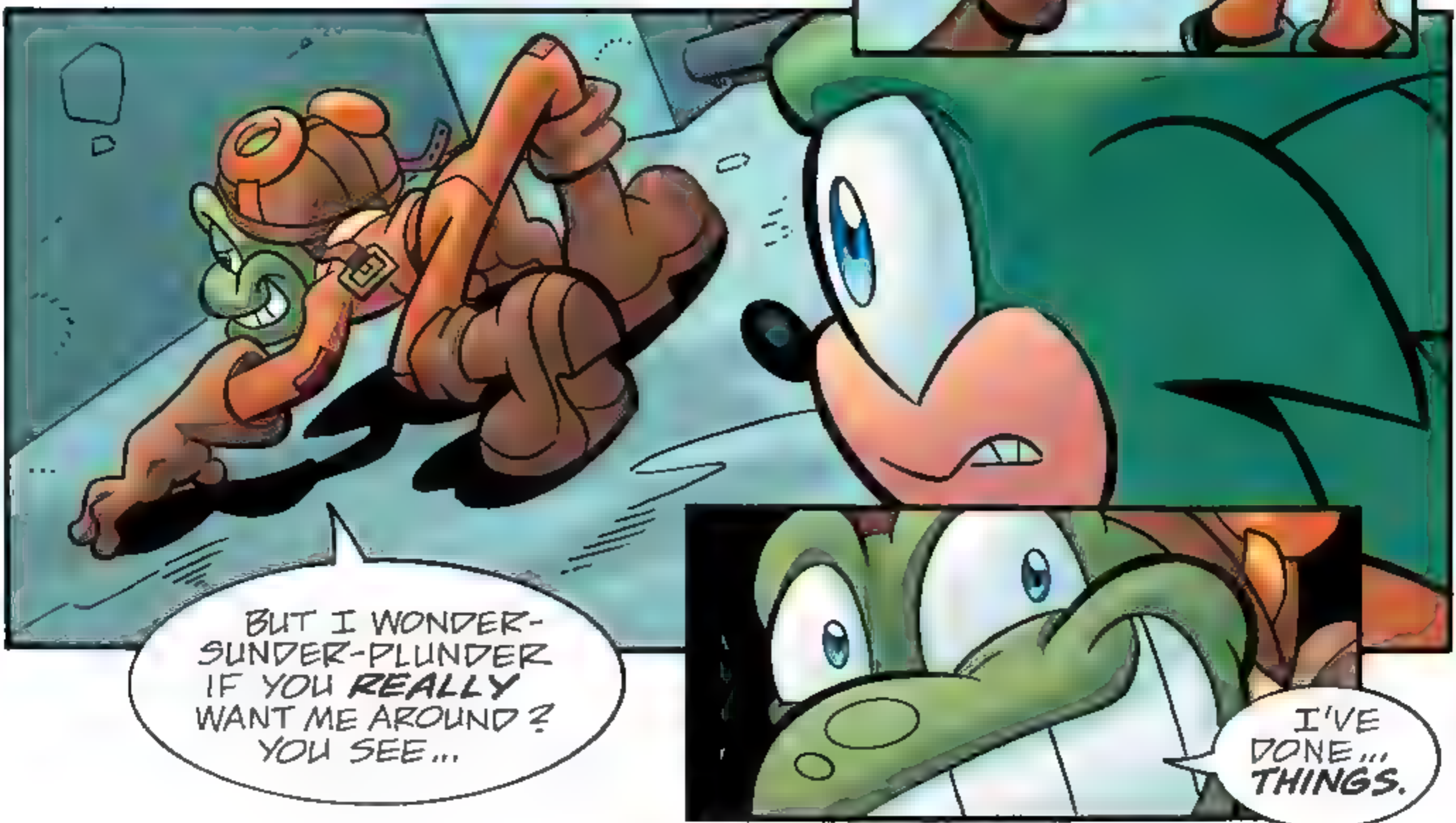
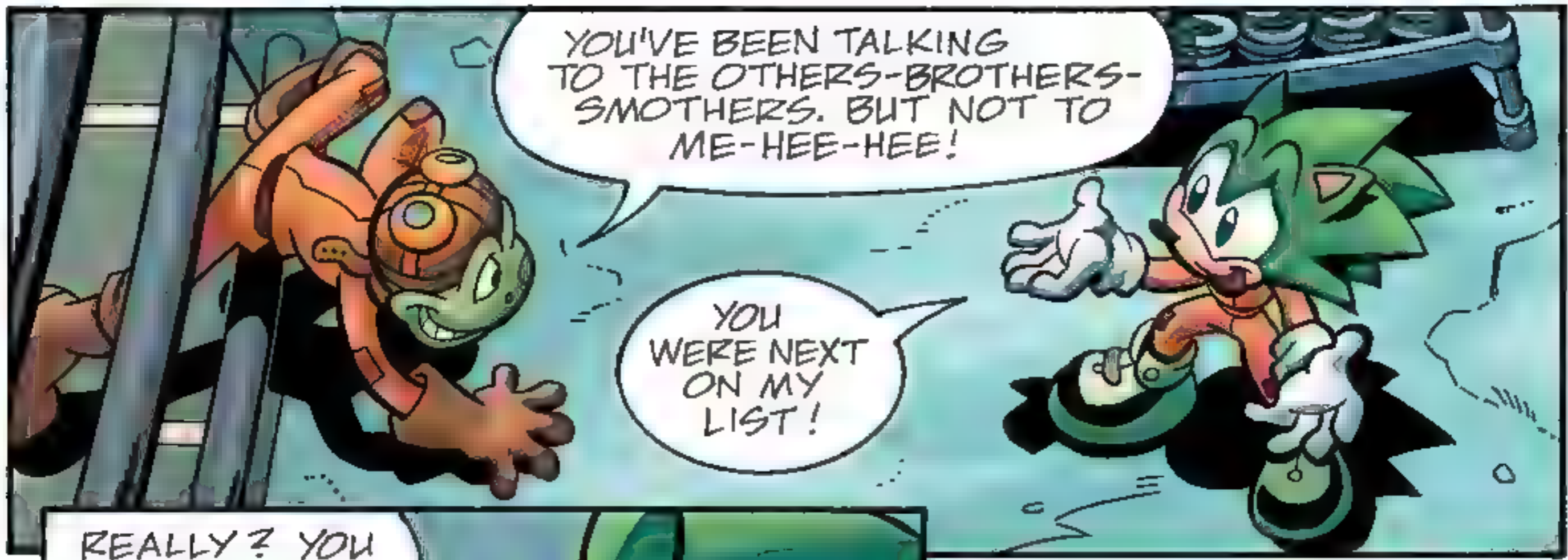
Uh... HEY, FLYING.  
DIDN'T ... DIDN'T  
SEE YOU THERE.  
Um... 'SUP?

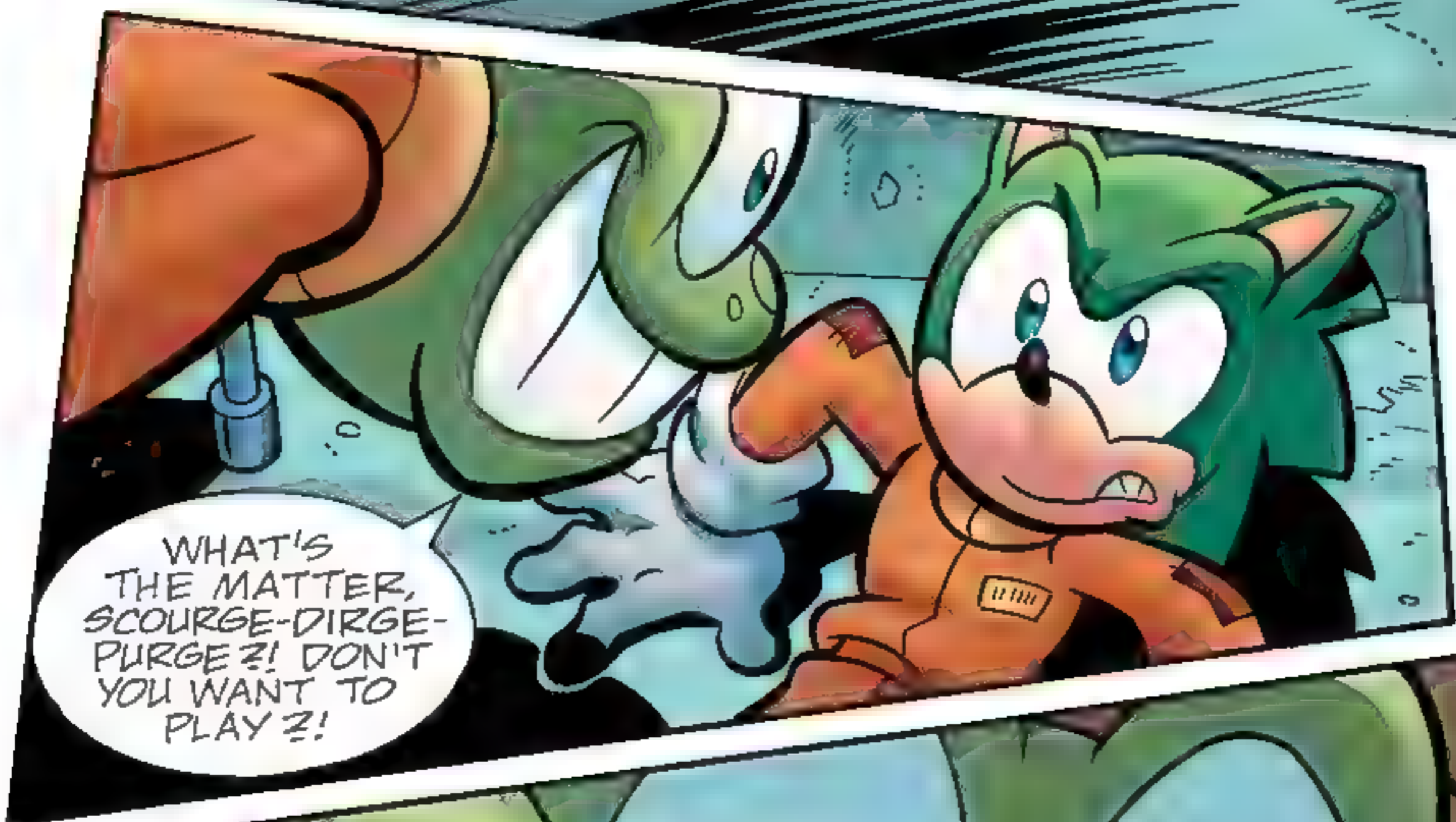
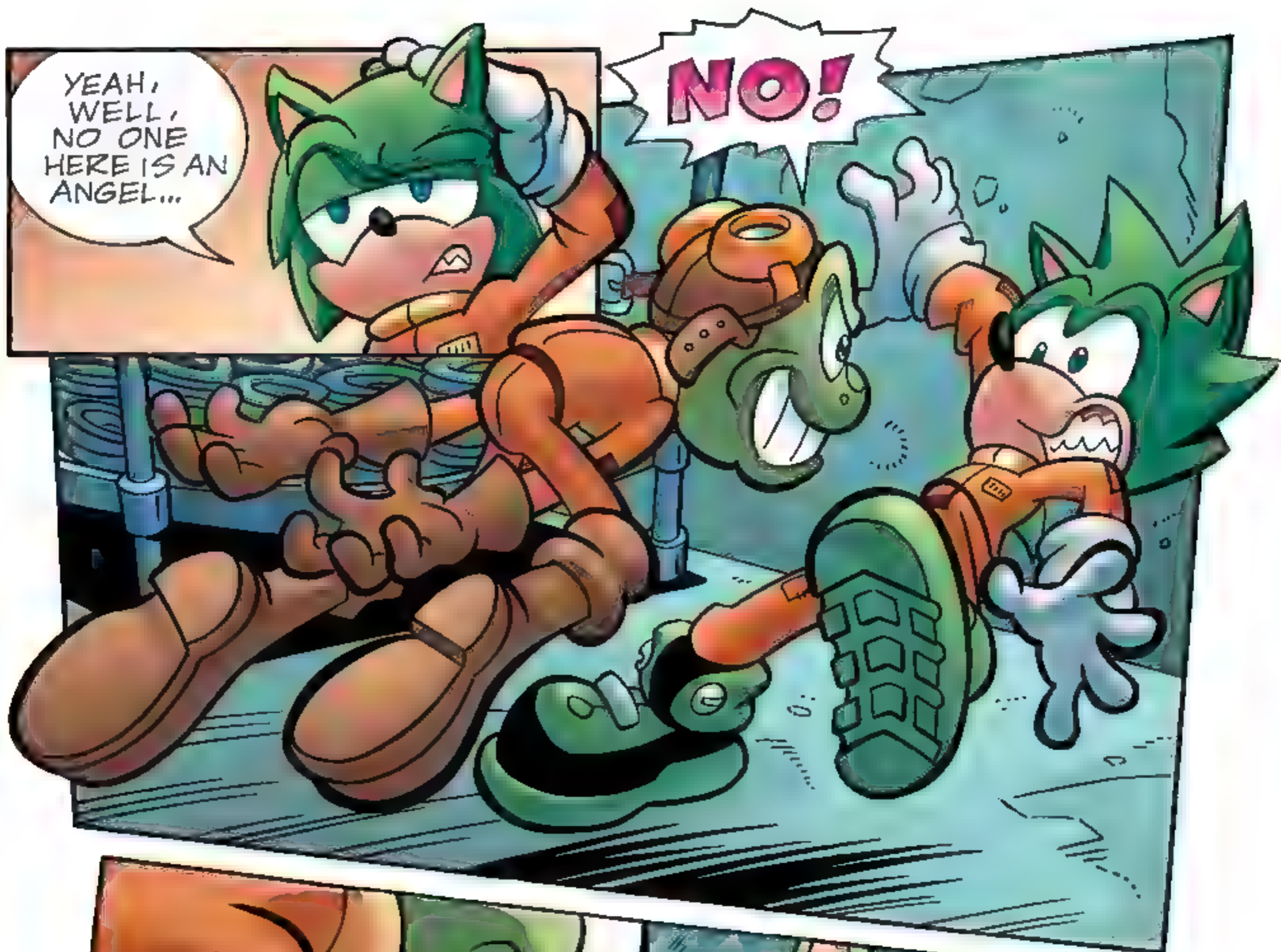
HEE  
HEE HEE ...



HEE-HEE-  
MEEEEEE??

FLYING FROG  
JUST PLAIN  
CREEPY







"THE DESTRUCTIX  
PLAY THE GAMES  
I LIKE TO PLAY!  
NOT LIKE THE  
RUN-SCREAM-CRY  
MERCIANIS!

"A LITTLE PAIN-  
STAIN-INGRAIN  
NEVER HURT ANY-  
ONE! NOT ME!  
ANYWAY! SO  
MANY SHOUTING-  
POUTING-CLOUTING..."

"THEY TRIED TO  
LOCK ME AWAY-  
STAY-PAY, BUT I  
GOT OUT! THEN  
MORE WOULD  
FIND MY MESS-  
EXCESS-SUCCESS!

"SO MORE CHASE-  
DEFACE-ERASE,  
AND I PLAY WITH  
THEM NEXT! AND  
THEN THE NEXT,  
AND THEN THE  
NEXT, AND THEN  
THE NEXT--!"



**KNOCK  
IT OFF!!**

I'M RUNNING  
THE DESTRUCTIX  
NOW, SO YOU  
FOLLOW ME!

OH. OKAY.

SOUNDS  
LIKE FUN!

EESH!  
THE  
GUY  
MAKES  
ROSY  
LOOK  
CUDDLY!\*

\*ROSY THE RASCAL,  
STH #193-194.

MAIN CELL BLOCK.

LATER THAT NIGHT...

WOULD YOU SETTLE DOWN? I NEEDS MY BEAUTY SLEEP.

NO CAN DO, ABBY. BESIDES, YOU'LL WANT TO BE UP FOR THIS.

WHAT THE---?! YOU'RE BUSTIN' OUT?!

THAT'S THE PLAN. KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT AND MAYBE YOU CAN SLIP OUT IN THE MEANTIME.

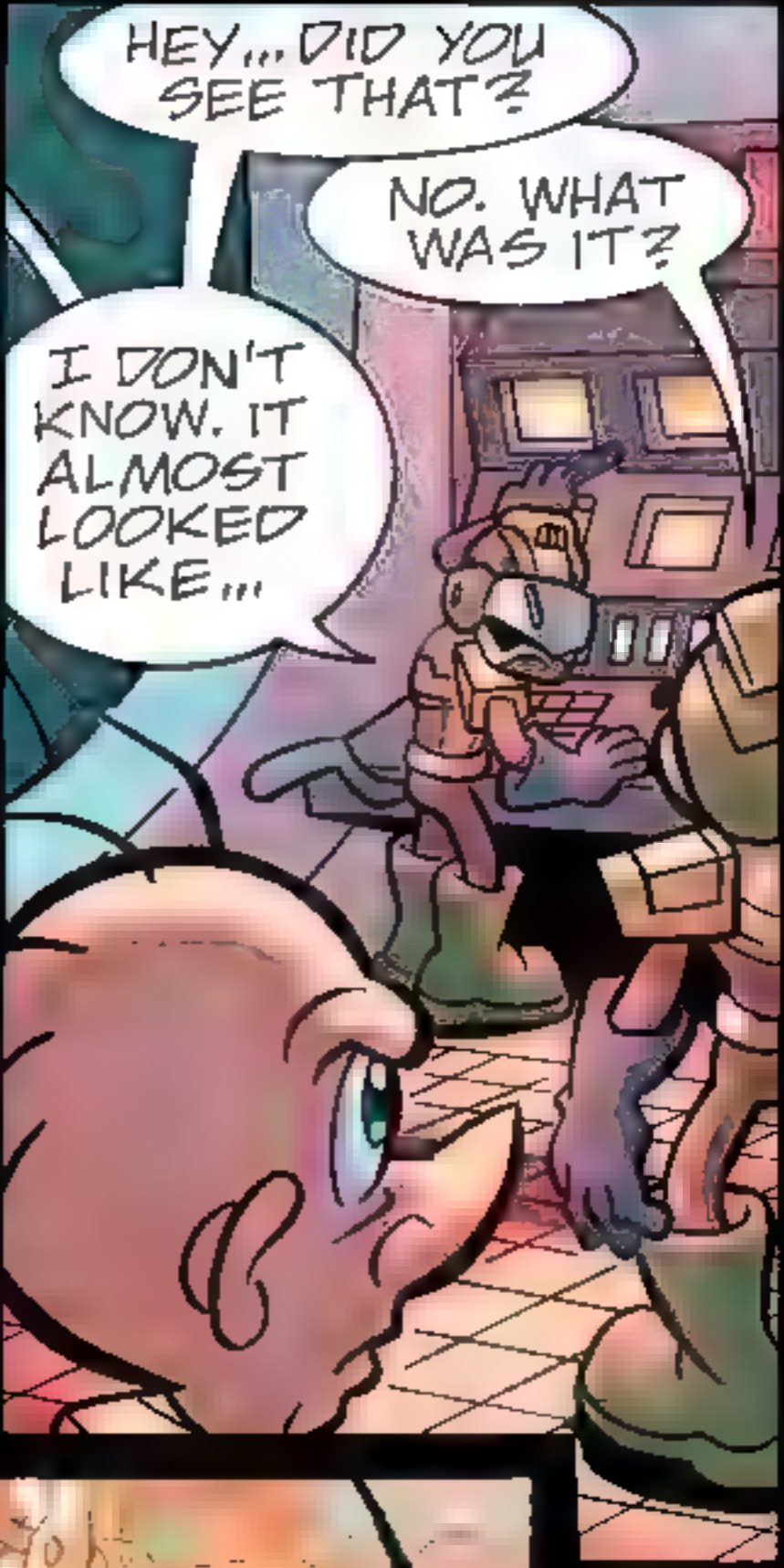
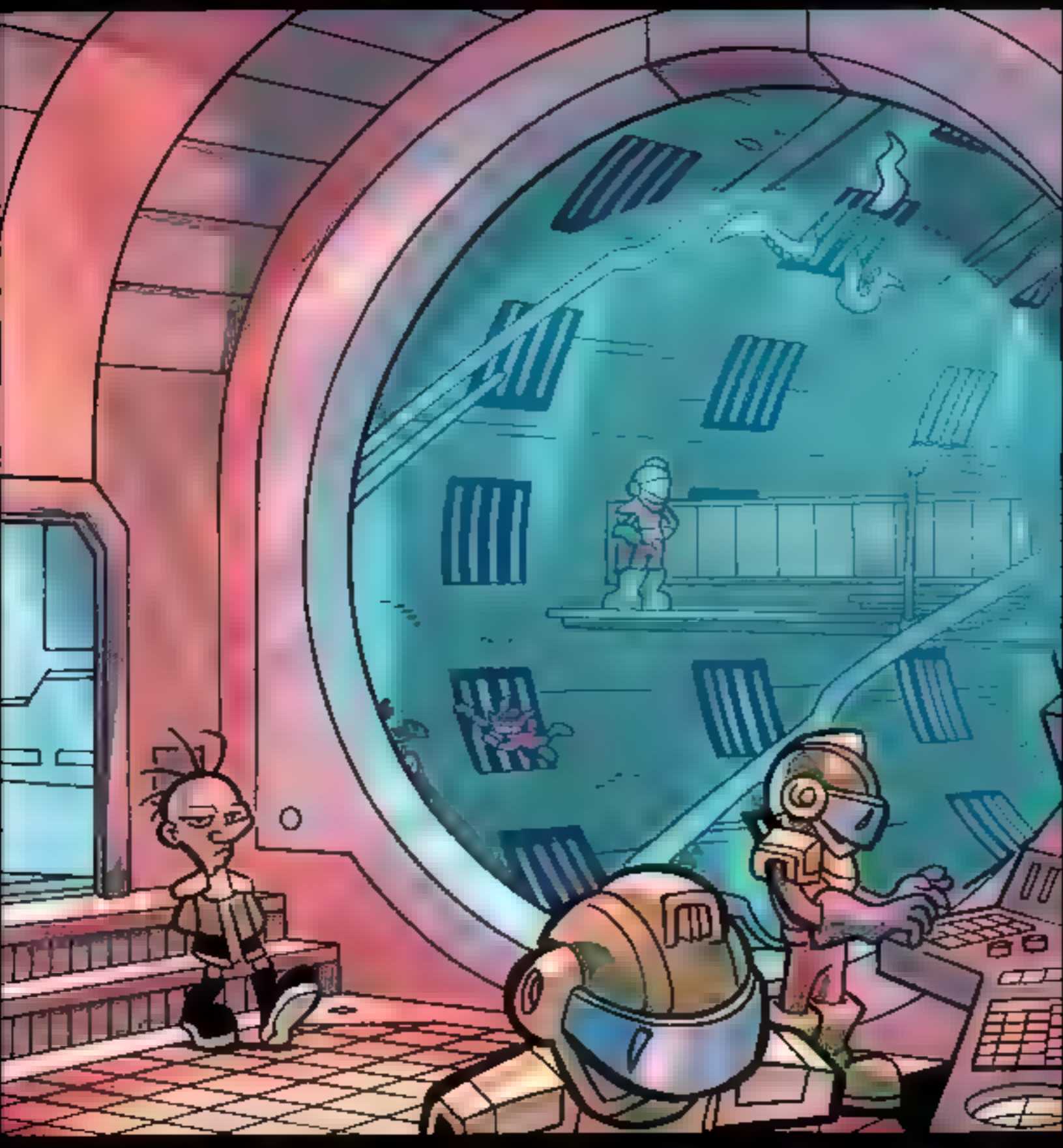
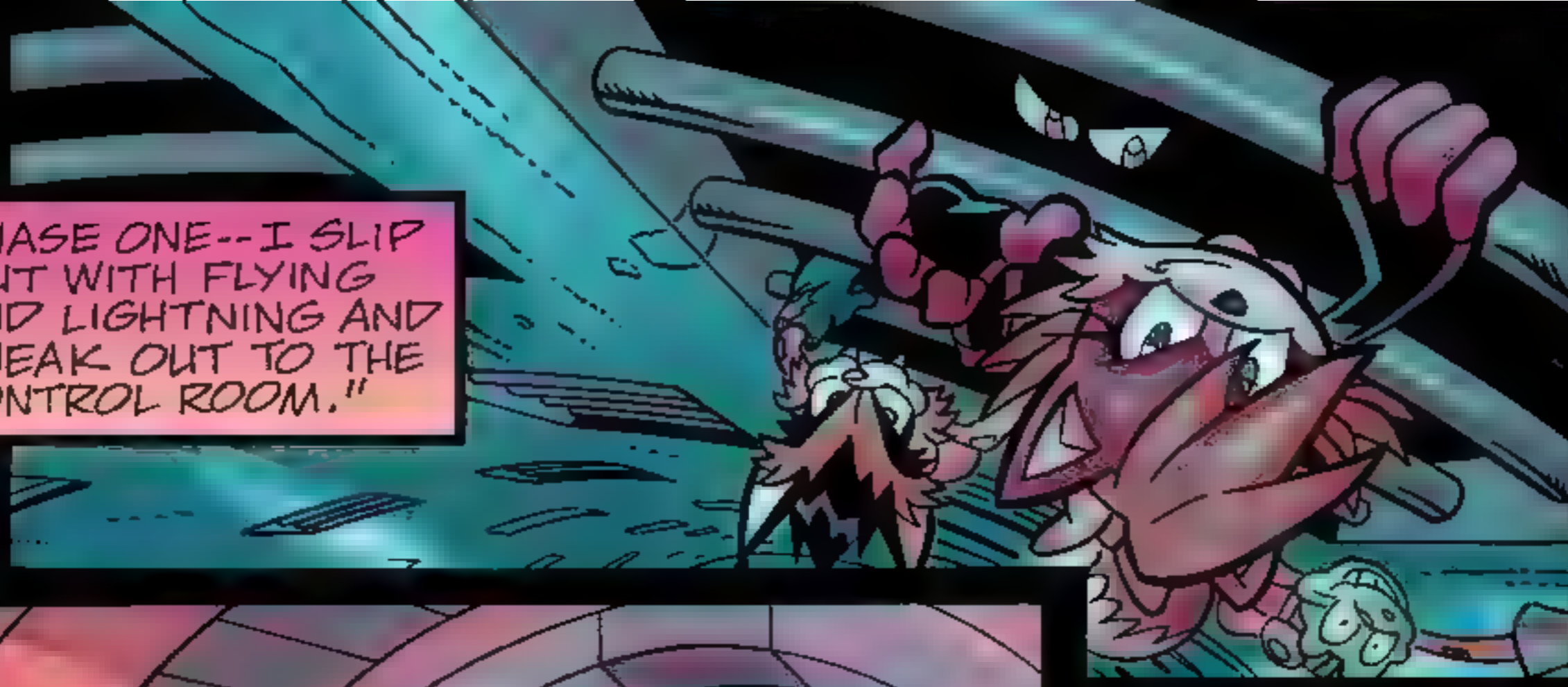
YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE, KID. BUT HOW DID YOUR BOYS...?

ONE'S A NINJA AND THE OTHER'S A FREAK.

I HID THE GUARDS WE TOOK OUT. BE CAREFUL--THE HALLWAYS DON'T HAVE THE CORRECTED GRAVITY LIKE THE YARD OR CELLS DO.

Jellystars

"PHASE ONE--I SLIP OUT WITH FLYING AND LIGHTNING AND SNEAK OUT TO THE CONTROL ROOM."

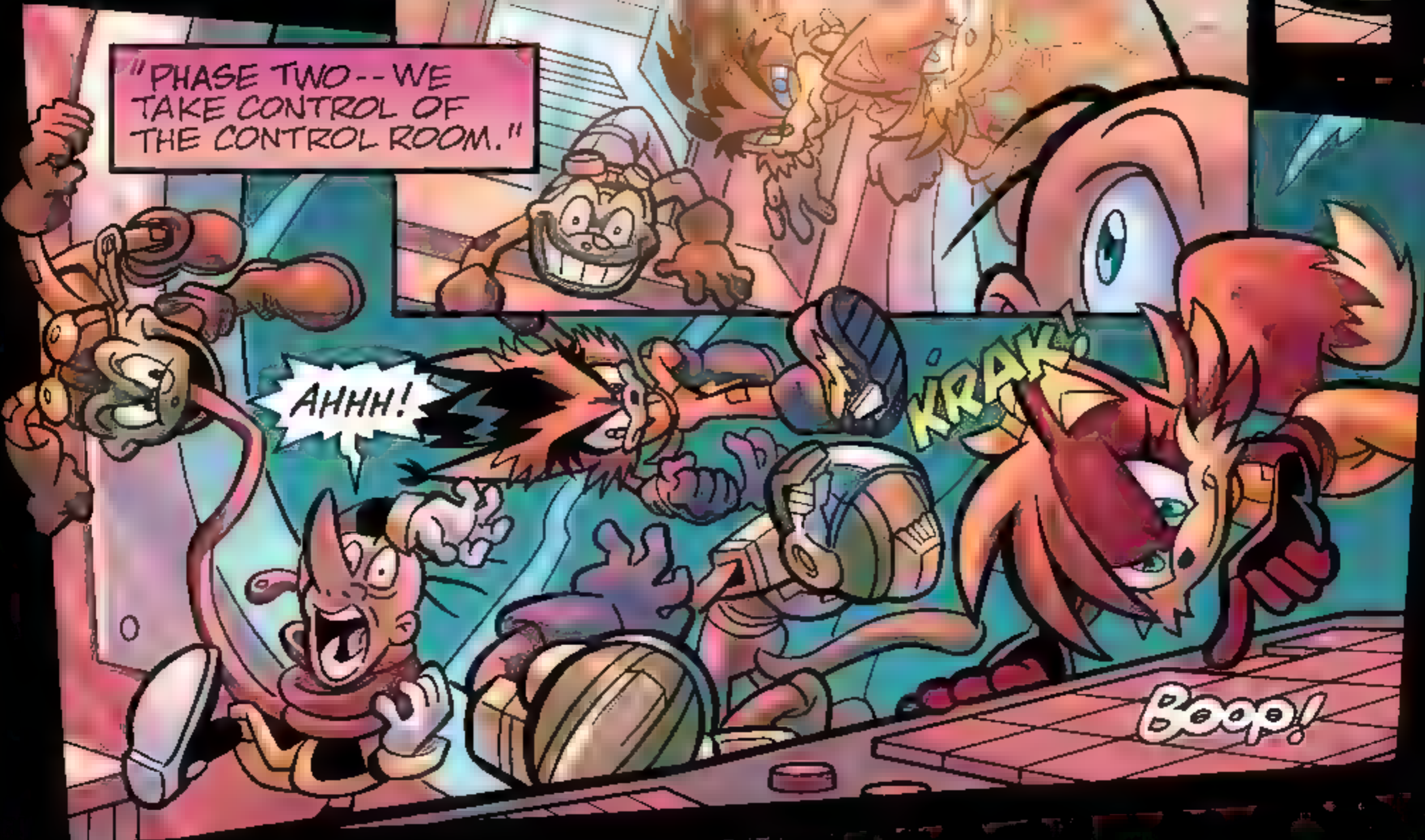


HEY... DID YOU SEE THAT?

NO. WHAT WAS IT?

I DON'T KNOW. IT ALMOST LOOKED LIKE...

"PHASE TWO-- WE TAKE CONTROL OF THE CONTROL ROOM."



AHHH!

KRAK!

Boop!

**JAIL  
BREAK!!**

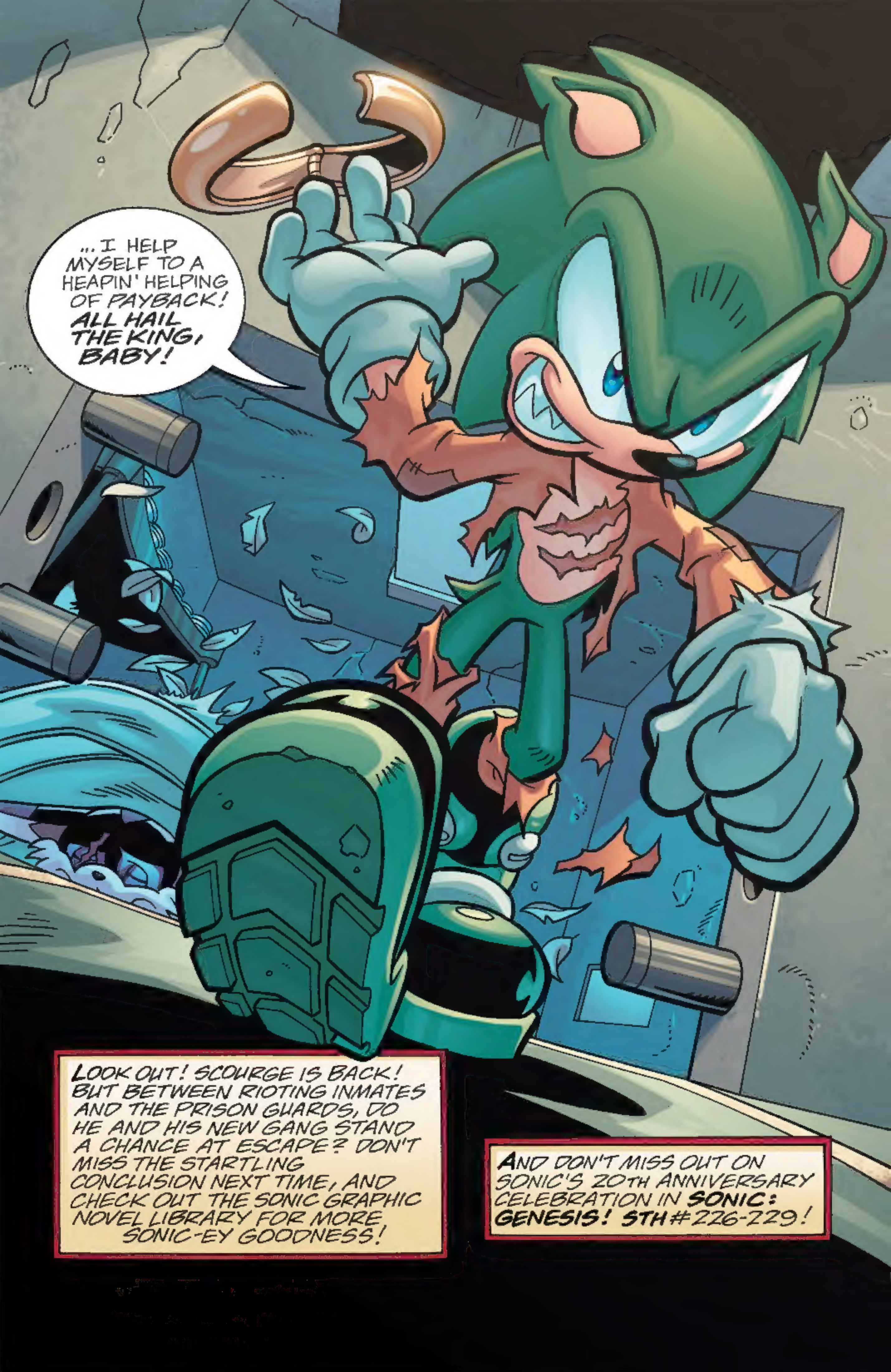
"PHASE THREE--WE UNLOCK ALL THE CELLS AND NORMALIZE THE GRAVITY TO CREATE SOME PANDEMONIUM..."

**CLINK**

"PHASE FOUR--WE ONLY TURN OFF THE COLLARS OF OUR GANG SO WE CAN TAKE OUT ANYONE IN OUR WAY."







... I HELP MYSELF TO A HEAPIN' HELPING OF PAYBACK! ALL HAIL THE KING, BABY!

LOOK OUT! SCOURGE IS BACK! BUT BETWEEN RIOTING INMATES AND THE PRISON GUARDS, DO HE AND HIS NEW GANG STAND A CHANCE AT ESCAPE? DON'T MISS THE STARTLING CONCLUSION NEXT TIME, AND CHECK OUT THE SONIC GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY FOR MORE SONIC-EY GOODNESS!

AND DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN **SONIC: GENESIS!** **STH#226-229!**



WAY COOL  
SCOURGE  
ACTION  
FIGURE!

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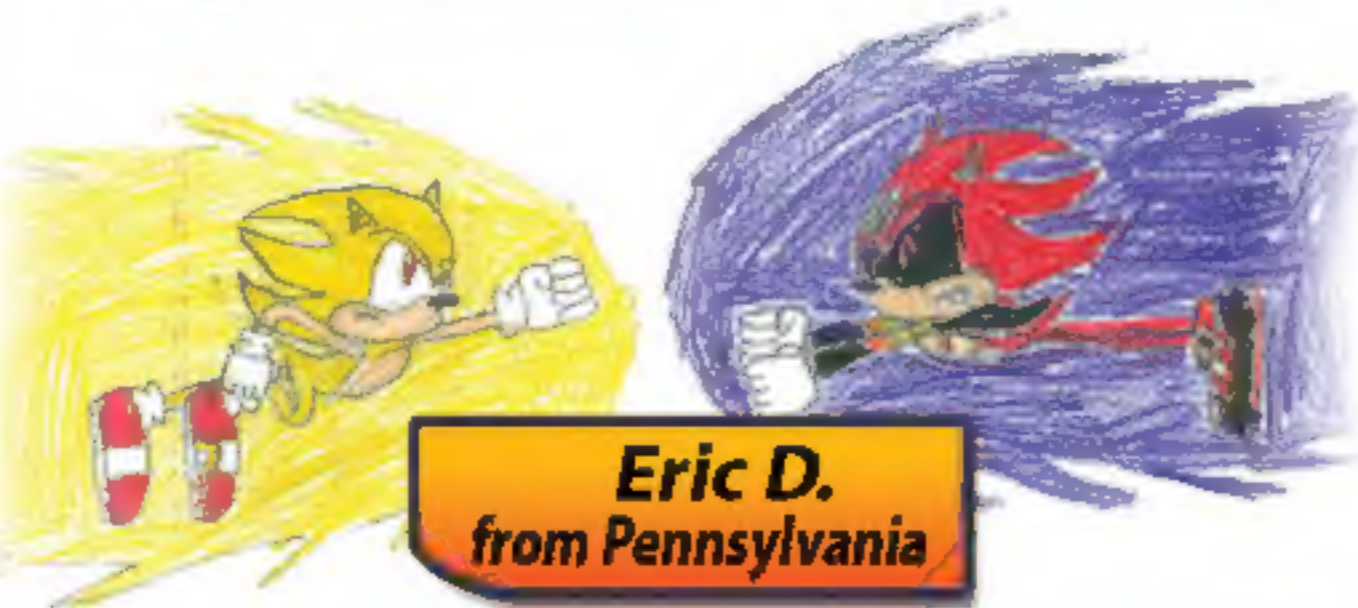


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